

# **Old Age Pensioners' Organization of Saskatchewan**

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The Old Age Pensioners' Organization of Saskatchewan Incorporated is working to secure a better standard of living for the pensioner. It also advocates a system which will provide social security.

The policy of the organization is democratic. It is non-partisan and non-sectarian.

The organization regrets that the pension is considered a dole, and maintains that it is a due, and just reward for services rendered during a lifetime of work as good citizens.

The present pension is inadequate and the Government of Canada admits that fact. The pensioners' object is to draw attention to the inadequacy, by organizing and as a body presenting their views to the Provincial Government and through it to the Federal Government.

It is argued that the Government cannot afford to increase the pension. The Pensioners argue that it cannot afford not to, because of the present labor and economic difficulties. It can be seen that the larger the pension, the more money in circulation, the more goods consumed, the more business being done by everybody. In short it means a help towards prosperity. From a humanitarian standpoint the pension should provide a decent living for Canadian citizens in their declining years. The leaders in social service work agree with the pensioners in asking an increase in pension which will help eliminate a great deal of hardship and want.

The pensioners commend the Saskatchewan Government for instituting medical aid and hospitalization. The pensioners believe that this system will take care of many cases which would otherwise be neglected owing to lack of the necessary funds.

Fellow citizens: this is your movement, working for your benefit. The more members and branches we have the greater will be our power and influence, and the sooner will our objective be attained. Union is strength. Join the organization and help a worthy cause.

For information regarding membership, or organizing a branch in your locality, please write our Provincial Secretary, who will forward you all information in that regard. The membership fee is one dollar per annum.

No one is too young or too old to become a member.

**PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE.**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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The following resolutions were carried as amended:

1. WHEREAS we are of the opinion that any Canadian citizen over 60 years of age in Saskatchewan should be entitled to retirement allowance;

AND WHEREAS there are aged persons in need of retirement allowance, who under the Means Test, now at present in vogue, are debarred from enjoying this allowance;

AND WHEREAS we have evidence to prove that our Provincial Government is still administering the Old Age Pension Act as a charity to indigents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we request our Provincial Government to administer the Old Age Pension Act in a humanitarian manner on the basis of a comfortable living first and that the Means Test be abolished.

2. RESOLVED that we favor granting pensions to hopelessly incapacitated persons in proportion to their disability.

3. WHEREAS at present many Old Age Pensioners, or their dependents, are in no position to finance their funeral expenses;

AND WHEREAS we are of the opinion that this expense should be lifted from the Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS we think the Government should be fully responsible for such indigent Old Age Pensioner's funeral expense;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we appeal to the Government of Saskatchewan, and through them to the Federal Government of Canada, to make provision for all Old Age Pensioners' funeral expenses.

4. WHEREAS the Old Age Pension of \$25.00 per month is absolutely inadequate to meet the living expenses of our Old Age Pensioners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we ask the Government of Saskatchewan and through them the Federal Government of Canada, for a monthly payment of \$50.00 per month to commence at the age of 60 years for both men and women and that the Application Forms be simplified and the Means Test be abolished.

5. BE IT RESOLVED THAT WHEREAS it is becoming more and more difficult every year to obtain proof of residence, especially among the working class, who are compelled to shift about in order to obtain employment, we therefore suggest an affidavit be taken as sufficient proof of residence and age, until otherwise proven—as in a Court of Law.

6. WHEREAS at present many Old Age Pensioners have married women younger than themselves and are trying to keep a family of two or more on one pension of \$28.00 per month;

AND WHEREAS we are of the opinion that the spouse of any Old Age Pensioner should be allowed the same pension as her husband, irrespective of age;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we ask the Government of Canada to so amend the Old Age Pension Act so as to give the spouse of a Pensioner the same pension regardless of age.

When we get the above resolutions into effect it will leave our senior citizens the time and incentive to take their place in the world, to contribute from their experience and knowledge, to the educational and social welfare of the country.

If there is any possible chance of organizing a branch in your locality, please write our Provincial Secretary. We will be very glad to do anything we possibly can to help organize and spread this movement.

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If you just wish to join yourself, kindly send \$1.00 for membership to the nearest Branch as listed and you will be helping a good cause and the Organization will be glad of your support.

## LIVE AND LET LIVE

By order of the Provincial Executive,

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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

### **Old Age Pensioners' Organization of Saskatchewan**

Enclosed please find One Dollar (\$1.00), for Membership

Name .....

Address .....

OLD AGE PENSIONERS ORG. OF SASK.  
SASKATOON BRANCH No. 1



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